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On the seemingly Latinized form of the inflections, and the feminine genitive in *i*, the writer desires to submit the matter to more competent philologists; and, with regard to the probable age of the cave, and the appearance it presents of having had two entrances, refers to Keating's tract on "Early Irish Modes of Sepulture," from the *Tri Biorr-ghaethe an Bhais* ("Irish Ossianic Society's Transactions," vol. i., p. 63, *et seq.*), and in particular to the old poem there cited :*—

Peapc aen doruip d'fior dhó naoi,
Peapc dhó n-bó d'fior dhó naoi.

A grave of one door for a man of science ;
A grave of two doors for a woman.

Mr. Eugene A. Conwell read a paper (in continuation) "On the Ancient Remains at Sliabh-na-Callighe."

Mr. H. F. Hore, by permission of the Academy, read a paper "On Banshees."

The Academy adopted an Address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, brought up from the Council by the Secretary.

STATED MEETING.—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1864.

THE VERY REV. CHARLES GRAVES, D.D., President, in the Chair.

The Secretary reported that the Address of the Academy to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, adopted on the 24th of November, was presented by the President and Members, at the Viceregal Lodge, on Thursday last, the 24th inst.

Whereupon it was

RESOLVED,—That the Address to the Lord Lieutenant, together with His Excellency's Answer, be printed in the Proceedings.

Address to HIS EXCELLENCY THE LORD BARON WODEHOUSE, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the President and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, respectfully desire to present to Your Excellency our hearty congratulations upon your arrival in Ireland as the representative of our most gracious Sovereign.

In virtue of your high office, Your Excellency becomes, under our Charter, the Visitor of the Academy. We are thus privileged, as a body incorporated for the promotion of the study of Science, Polite

* Since making the above communication, the writer has been informed by Richard R. Brash, Esq., Sunday's Well, Cork, that Mr. Brash, accompanied by J. Windele, Esq., Cork, observed the Ogham inscription on the stone marked A, on a visit to Rathcroghan in the year 1852.

Literature, and Antiquities, to enter into dutiful relation with a Nobleman whose love of learning and brilliant career in its cultivation have shed additional lustre on the honours of his ancient lineage.

From a small beginning, in the year 1786, our Society has steadily increased in numbers and importance, till it has attained the rank of a national institution; and while the threefold object of its foundation has opened a wide field for intellectual exercise, it has produced the happy result of bringing together, from time to time, in friendly intercourse and united action, a large portion of the literary public, the variety of whose pursuits, or other accidental differences, might, but for such a medium of communication, have placed them in a condition of antagonism or indifference.

With what measure of success the scientific and literary labours of the Academy have been conducted, it is not for its members to pronounce. But they may be permitted to apprise Your Excellency that in two collateral publications, the "Transactions" and the "Proceedings," are embodied the principal results of their investigations; and that these journals have a wide circulation at home, and among kindred institutions on the Continent. The creation of a Celtic Museum, unequalled in extent and variety, and the formation of a Library peculiarly rich in Irish Manuscripts, have also marked the growth of our Society.

The Academy has to record, with a lively sense of gratitude, the encouragement and favour it has received at the hands of successive Chief Governors of Ireland, and especially of Your Excellency's illustrious predecessor, who, himself possessed of the most remarkable gifts and accomplishments, was ever ready to assist the intellectual labours of others. We earnestly hope that one so noble-hearted and so richly endowed may long be spared to humanity and literature.

We trust that Your Excellency's administration of the high office committed to you by our beloved and most gracious Sovereign will tend, not only to promote the peace and prosperity of Ireland at large, but also to impart increased vigour and efficiency to her literary institutions; so that, while as subjects and citizens we enjoy the blessings of living under a just and able ruler, we may as an Academy experience the benefit of connexion with a Viceroy who has proved himself an accomplished scholar and an enlightened statesman.

To which HIS EXCELLENCY returned the following Answer:—

MR. PRESIDENT, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY,—
Amongst the various bodies which have presented Addresses to me on my assuming the office of Lord Lieutenant, I can say with truth that I have received none with greater satisfaction than the Royal Irish Academy.

A Society which has with so much success brought together the most distinguished literary and scientific men in Ireland, and whose "Transactions" and "Proceedings" enjoy a wide reputation at home and abroad,

would command my attention and support, even if I did not hold the official position of Visitor to the Academy.

Though I have not yet had the opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with your Museum and Library, I am well aware of the important and interesting character of those collections; and the care and assiduity with which you have gathered and preserved the relics of by-gone ages are at once a subject of congratulation, and a bright example to all who study the history of the ancient races of mankind.

I shall rejoice if my connexion with the Academy should enable me to afford that encouragement to its labours which you derived from my accomplished predecessor; but I am conscious that my own literary acquirements are far too modest to entitle them to the commendation of so learned and distinguished a Society.

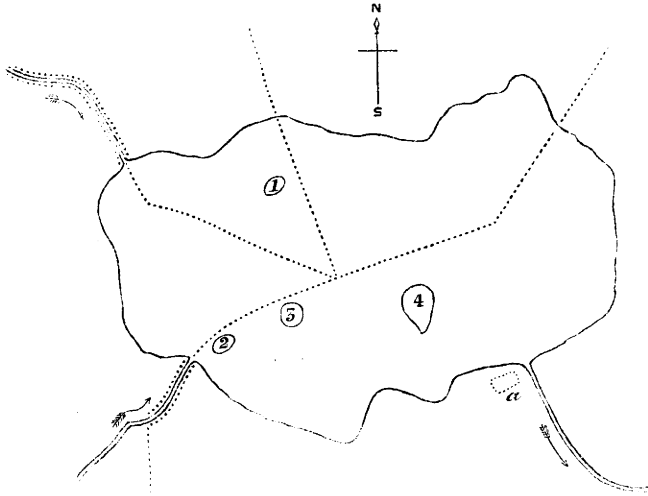
G. HENRY KINAHAN, F. R. G. S. I., Senior Geologist of the Geological Survey of Ireland, read the following Paper:—

NOTES ON CRANNOGES IN BALLIN LOUGH.

BALLIN LOUGH is situated in the parish of Ballinakill, barony of Leitrim, county of Galway, Sheet 125, and on the junction of Sheets 116 and 125 of the Ordnance Inch Map of Ireland. It lies a little more than half a mile south-east of Marble Hill, the seat of Sir T. J. Burke, Bart.

BALLIN LOUGH (COPIED FROM THE ORDNANCE SIX-INCH MAP).

Fig. 1.



In this lough are four islands; and, as they have no local names, we shall call them in these Notes as follows:—No. 1, or *North Island*;